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Save the Date!

June 12-13, 2003

Bethesda Marriott Hotel
Bethesda, Maryland

*The Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) in the Office of the Director at the National Institutes of Health and the Trans-NIH Working Group for Research on Chronic Fatigue Syndrome plan to sponsor an upcoming scientific workshop, **Neuro-Immune Mechanisms and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: Will understanding central mechanisms enhance the search for the causes, consequences and treatment of CFS?***

The scientific workshop, chaired by Drs. Leslie Crofford and Dedra Buchwald, will be held on June 12-13, 2003 at the Bethesda Marriott Hotel.

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The purpose of the workshop is to enhance understanding of chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) by examining the interface between the brain, immune system, and symptoms of CFS and related disorders. We will convene scientists of diverse disciplines from within the NIH intramural research community as well as distinguished extramural experts. Together, we will explore the mechanisms by which hormones, cytokines, and other mediators act as intermediaries between the brain and other body systems. The workshop will also explore how new methodologies used in the study of these mediators and their central and peripheral actions could be applied to CFS and related disorders. We expect these deliberations to form the basis for future interdisciplinary initiatives as well as contribute to an understanding of CFS and other multisystemic illnesses of unknown origin, many of which overlap, that are studied at the NIH and are important to women's health and gender studies.

Registration materials and an agenda will be posted on the ORWH website as soon as available (www4.od.nih.gov/orwh/). Please contact ccoy@kra.com with any questions prior to that time.

